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Patent Application of

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Examiner: Tran Lien Thuy

Title of Invention: "PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING AN EXPANDED
FOODSTUFF"

**COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)**

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Sir:

The following comments are being submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 6, 2009.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has identified only a few of the separate and independent reasons for allowance of independent Claim 61 and, therefore, for allowance of dependent Claims 24-33, and 53.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Claims 24-33, 53, and 61 may be allowable for additional separate and independent reasons. The independent claim (Claim 61) may include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

Similarly, the dependent claims (Claims 24-33, and 53) may include additional patentable features and/or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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